ANDHRA PRADESH POWER GENERATION CORPORATION LIMITED
VIDYUT SOUDHA :: VIJAYAWADA

Circular Memo No.JS(Per)/DS(Estt.)/AS(P-NT&R)/PO(P-NT&R)/249/2023, Date.17.07.2023

Sub: Estt. – APGENCO – Regulations – Incorrect claim of deductions/ exemptions – Excess claim of Refunds – Certain instructions to the employees of APGENCO – Issued.

Ref: Lr.No.F.No.Refunds/PCIT/VJA/2023-24, dt.14.07.2023 received from the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Vijayawada (copy enclosed).

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It has been bought to the notice by the Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Income Tax Department, Vijayawada vide letter cited that in twin states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, a large section of salaried employees have been lured in to claiming refund by filing false IT returns by exaggerating their claims of deductions/ exemptions. Many such employees have claimed refunds as high as 75 - 90% of the TDS deducted by the Accounts Section of the organisation they work in. He further informed that their monitoring exercise and field surveys have revealed that a significance number of employees working with organisation have taken refunds based on deductions/ exemptions claimed which appear to be suspicious /incorrect. These claims of deductions and exemptions are currently under verification by the department. He requested to advise all the employees of the organisation to verify the correctness of the claim of deductions/exemptions for IT returns filed for AY 2023-24, AY 2022-23 and AY 2021-22. He also informed, in case any incorrect deduction/exemption has been claimed, the employees may be advised to file updated/revised returns to rectify the wrong claim. The opportunity of voluntarily coming clean and filing updated/revised returns will not be available after the case of the taxpayer is selected for scrutiny and notice is issued to him/her. It has also been informed the consequences of misreporting income by claiming wrongful deductions would entail interest on Additional Tax, Penalty @ 200% of Additional Tax and in severe cases, also includes prosecution and imprisonment. He requested to advise the employees not to be lured by tax consultants/touts and claim wrong deductions in any of the IT Returns being filed by them in future.

2. All the employees are therefore advised to verify the correctness of the claim of deductions/exemptions for IT returns filed for the AY 2023-24, AY 2022-23 and AY 2021-22.In case any incorrect deduction/exemption has been claimed, it is advised to file updated/revised returns to rectify the wrong claim if any, to avoid further consequences. If any action initiated by the Income Tax Department it will also constitutes misconduct as per APSEB Employees Revised Conduct Regulations, as adopted.

3. It is advised to file updated/revised returns to rectify the wrong claim, if any. For any query/assistance, you may please contact Aayaker Seva Kendras at Local Income Tax Offices, visit the website www.incometaxindia.gov.in or call the Helpline Numbers 1800-103-0025/ 1800-419-0025.

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4 These orders are available in APGENCO website and can be accessed through www.apgenco.gov.in

V. USHA
JOINT SECRETARY (PER.)

To
All the Employees of APGENCO

Copy to the:

All Station Heads/Functional Heads at Head Quarters/APGENCO	-	With a request to ensure the information should reach employees.
General Manager (ERP& IT)/APGENCO	-	To prominently display on the July 2023 pay slip of each employee **"any incorrect deductions /exemptions which has been claimed in AY 2023-24, AY 2023-22 and AY 2021-22, to file updated/revised returns to rectify the wrong claim, if any, to avoid further consequences".**
PS to Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Income Tax Dept., Vijayawada	-	For information, please.

Dy.EE (Techl.) to the Managing Director/APGENCO
AO to the Director (Finance & Commercial)/APGENCO
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Dy.EE (Techl.) to the Director (Thermal)/APGENCO
Dy.EE (Techl.) to the Director (Coal & Logistics)/APGENCO
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F.No. Refunds/PCIT/VJA/2023-24

Date: 14.07.2023

To

Sri K V N Chakradhar Babu, IAS,
Managing Director,
AP GENCO, Vijayawada

Dear Sir,

Sub: Incorrect claim of deductions/exemptions- Excess claim of refunds – Advisory to employees - Request – Reg.

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The Income-tax Department has taken several initiatives to ensure ease of compliance for taxpayers while discharging obligations cast upon them by the Income-tax Act. In particular, the Income-tax Return Form has been greatly simplified, with taxpayers being able to submit their returns online in a seamless manner. The Income-tax Department reposes trust in its taxpayers, accordingly while filing IT Returns, taxpayers need not submit copies of supporting documents in respect of deductions / exemptions claimed by them in their Returns.

2. At the same time, Income-tax Department also monitors the correctness of returns filed by taxpayers, including the eligibility of deductions / exemptions claimed by them. It has been reliably learnt that in the twin states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, a large section of salaried employees have been lured into claiming refund by filing false IT Returns by exaggerating their claims of deductions / exemptions. Many such employees have claimed refunds as high as 75 – 90% of the TDS deducted by the Accounts section of the organization they work in.

3. Our monitoring exercise and field surveys have revealed that a significant number of employees working with your organisation have taken refunds based on deductions / exemptions claimed which appear to be suspicious / incorrect. These claims of deductions and exemptions are currently under verification by the Department.

4. In light of the above facts, the Department urges your goodself to advise all the employees of your organisation to verify the correctness of their claim of deductions / exemptions for IT Returns filed for AY 2023-24, AY 2022-23 and AY 2021-22. In case any incorrect deduction / exemption has been claimed, the employees may be advised to file updated / revised returns to rectify the wrong claim. This opportunity of voluntarily coming clean and filing updated returns will not be available after the case of the taxpayer is selected for scrutiny and notice is issued to him.

5. Employees may also be suitably informed that consequences of misreporting income by claiming wrongful deductions would entail interest on additional tax, penalty @ 200% of additional tax and in severe cases, also include prosecution and imprisonment. Accordingly, your employees may please be advised to not be lured by tax consultants / touts and claim wrong deductions in any of the IT Returns being filed by them in future. For any query / assistance, taxpayers may contact Aayakar Seva Kendras at their local Income-tax Offices, visit the website www.incometaxindia.gov.in or call the helpline numbers 1800-103-0025 / 1800-419-0025

6. Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

(M. ANIL KUMAR, IRS)
Chief Commissioner of Income Tax,
Vijayawada.